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DATE:

December 1, 2015

TO:

Airlin Singewald, Project Manager

FROM:

Lynda L. Auchinachie, Agriculture Department

SUBJECT:

Santa Margarita Cemetery District General Plan Amendment Authorization LRP2008-

00004 (1406)

Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed general plan amendment. The applicant is requesting to change the land use designation on 3.70 acres of land from Agriculture to Public Facilities to allow for the expansion of the existing cemetery. The current cemetery occupies 2.95 acres and the expansion is proposed for an additional .75 acres. The Planning Department has indicated that additional land is needed to accommodate necessary uses that cannot be accommodated within the existing village area. Based on preliminary review of existing information, the Agriculture Department does not oppose the authorization of Santa Margarita General Plan Amendment. These comments are based on county's relevant agricultural policies, current departmental goals to conserve agriculture resources and to provide for public health, safety and welfare while mitigating negative impacts of development to agriculture, and the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

